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<u>Amendments to the Claims:</u> This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.-20. (Cancelled).

- 21. (New) A brake holder of a floating-caliper disc brake comprising axially extending holder arms and an opening between the holder arms, the brake holder additionally comprising a brake pad radially mounted in the opening, the opening between the holder arms having a minimum tangential width that is greater than the maximum tangential width of the brake pad with the holder arms being free of any tangential obstructions radially confining any portion of the brake pad, the brake holder additionally comprising at least one brake pad guide spring arranged on one of the holder arms between the brake holder and the brake pad, the brake pad guide spring being locked at the brake holder in both radial and axial directions by at least one fixing clamp, the guide spring comprising a cantilevered spring arm that terminates tangentially inwardly over the brake pad and bears radially inwardly and tangentially inwardly against the brake pad under a spring bias.
- 22. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 21, wherein the at least one fixing clamp is locked at a radial undercut.
- 23. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 21, wherein the spring arm includes a first portion forming a radial stop for the brake pad.
- 24. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 23, wherein the first portion of the spring arm is designed as a slope with respect to the axial direction.
- 25. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 24, wherein the biasing force of the spring arm is variable in dependence on the axial position of the brake pad at the slope when the brake pad is mounted.

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26. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 21, wherein the brake pad guide spring bears in a clearance-free manner against guiding surfaces provided for the displaceable arrangement of the brake pad on the brake holder.

- 27. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 21, wherein a mounting ramp is provided at the spring arm for a radial brake pad assembly.
- 28. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 21, wherein the spring arm abuts under bias on an inclined abutment surface of the brake pad when the brake pad is mounted.
- 29. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 28, wherein a tangentially active stop extends adjacent to the inclined abutment surface.
- 30. (New) A brake holder of a floating-caliper disc brake with an axially extending holder arm at which an associated brake pad is arranged on a side of a brake disc and mountable radially in the brake holder, comprising at least one brake pad guide spring arranged on the holder arm between the brake holder and the brake pad,

wherein the brake pad guide spring is locked at the brake holder in both radial and axial directions by means of at least one fixing clamp, the brake pad guide spring comprising a cantilevered spring arm having a first section that extends along the contour of the holder arm, and a second section that bends tangentially inwardly relative to the first section to form an inverted V-shaped spring arm with the first section, the second section terminating tangentially inwardly from the holder arm and being deflectable tangentially outwardly against the spring bias toward the holder arm to facilitate mounting of the brake pad onto the brake holder in a generally radial direction.

- 31. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 30, wherein the at least one fixing clamp is locked at a radial undercut.
- 32. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 30, wherein the second section of the spring arm forms a radial stop for the brake pad.

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33. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 30, wherein the brake pad guide spring bears in a clearance-free manner against guiding surfaces provided for the displaceable arrangement of the brake pad on the brake holder.

- 34. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 30, wherein a mounting ramp is provided at the spring arm for a radial brake pad assembly.
- 35. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 30, wherein the spring arm abuts under bias on an inclined abutment surface of the brake pad when the brake pad is mounted.
- 36. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 35, wherein a tangentially active stop extends adjacent to the inclined abutment surface.
- 37. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 30, wherein the second section of the spring arm is designed as a slope with respect to the axial direction.
- 38. (New) The brake holder with a brake pad guide spring as claimed in claim 37, wherein the biasing force of the spring arm is variable in dependence on the axial position of the brake pad at the slope when the brake pad is mounted.